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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Refer to Hearing Schedule Below for dates, times, and locations)

HOUSE

FY 2002 APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee on Appropriations conducted two hearings on Department of Defense Appropriations for July 16. Testimony was received from the Secretaries of Defense and the Air Force.

AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT

This week, hearings will be held on the following issues:

- Delays associated with making an award for the Department of Transportation's Headquarters building
- Federal Budget Structural Reform

Several mark ups have been scheduled and include:

- *H.R. __ Energy Advancement and Conservation Act of 2001*
- *H.R. 2460 – Energy Security Act*
- *H.R. 2436 – Energy Security Act*
- Miscellaneous Public Building Resolutions

SENATE

APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee on Appropriations has scheduled two mark ups for FY 2002 appropriations bills, which includes the following:

- *S. __ - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies*
- *S. __ - Departments of Commerce, Justice, Judiciary, and Related Agencies and S. __ - Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies*

AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT

The Senate has scheduled five hearings of interest and include:

- Proposals related to reducing demand for petroleum products in light duty vehicles

- **S. 1008** - *Amendment to the Energy Policy Act* to develop the U.S. Climate Change Response Strategy
- Proposals related to energy and scientific research, development, technology deployment, education, and training
- **Proposals to removing barriers to distributed generation, renewable energy, and other advanced technologies**
- Proposals related to global climate change and measures to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions

WHITE HOUSE

White House Town Hall Meetings This week, key Administration officials including President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and members of the Cabinet will travel throughout the United States to discuss the Administration's national energy policy at meetings set up in a town hall format. On July 16, Vice President Cheney was scheduled to discuss national energy policy at a meeting at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pennsylvania. Secretary Abraham traveled to Argonne, Illinois. Local members of Congress and state government officials will join the entire team at a variety of other locations, which also includes the Secretaries of Interior, Transportation, and Commerce and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

Comments or Action Items

Energy Legislation The House is moving separate energy-related bills through four committees: Energy and Commerce, Resources, Science, and Ways and Means. Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R/TX) hopes to complete work on the package of bills before Congress adjourns for its August recess. Once the four committees complete their work, the Committee on Rules will combine the bills into one package for consideration by the full House. **The legislation, H.R. __ - *Energy Advancement and Conservation Act of 2001* includes five titles: energy conservation, reformulated gasoline, clean coal technology, nuclear energy, and hydropower reform.** Restructuring of the electric utility industry is expected to be addressed at a later time. The Committee on Energy and Commerce is scheduled to mark up its bill on July 17; the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality marked up the bill on July 10. **Key provisions of Title V – Conservation include the following requirements:**

- **Establishes new mandatory efficiency requirements for Federal buildings and encourages the government to use unconventional and renewable energy resources to achieve these new targets.**
- **Reauthorizes successful, existing Federal energy conservation programs.**

- **Requires that all air conditioning and heat pump units acquired by the Federal Government after certain dates must meet efficiency standards equal to California's current standards (which are higher than current Federal standards).**
- **Establishes bank within the Federal Government to provide low-interest loans to Federal agencies to fund energy efficiency projects.**
- Directs the Secretary of Energy to recommend to the Federal Trade Commission additional product labels to assist consumers in making purchasing decisions.
- Requires establishment of efficiency standards for televisions sets, furnace and ceiling fans, and cold drink vending machines.
- Authorizes states to permit hybrid and alternative fueled vehicles to operate in high occupancy vehicle lanes, regardless of passenger numbers.
- Creates new recommended state conservation goals – 25 percent improved energy efficiency by 2010 over 1990 levels.
- Extends authorization for the Energy Conservation Program for Schools and Hospitals and the Weatherization Assistance Program.
- Authorizes \$3.4 billion in FY 2001 through FY 2005 for assisting low-income consumers with payment of high energy bills, representing a 70 percent increase over total funding appropriated in FY 2000.

Title IV – Boutique Fuels directs the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that any transition to summertime reformulated gasoline does not disrupt the availability and affordability of gasoline.

The Committees on Resources and Science are expected to begin marking up their bills soon while the Committee on Ways and Means, which will deal with tax-related provisions has not scheduled a mark up. Several hundred tax incentive proposals have been proposed including a new bill introduced last week. - *H.R. 2391 – Clean Energy Incentives Act*, which is a bipartisan effort to extend tax credits for appliances, energy efficient equipment, hybrid vehicles, and homes.

Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards The Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality (Committee on Energy Commerce) approved an amendment to one of the House energy bills (*H.R. 2436 – Energy Security Act*) requiring modest increases in CAFÉ standards for light-duty vehicles; mark up of this bill is pending with the Committee on Resources. The measure would reduce gasoline consumption by 5 billion gallons between 2004 and 2010. **The measure provides small increases in fuel consumption for the Federal fleet in 2002 and 2005 as well as light duty trucks, minivans, and sport utility vehicles.** The 29 to 1 vote in favor of the amendment derailed a more aggressive proposal submitted by Representative Markey (D/MA). Billy Tauzin, Chairman of the full committee (Energy and Commerce) and committee Ranking Member, John Dingell (D/MI), who represents the interests of the auto industry hailed passage of the amendment. Chairman Tauzin said, “This is a significant but doable fuel economy provision.” In passing the amendment, Representative Dingell said, “I support this amendment, not because I love it, but because it is a measured mandate that preserves flexibility, and because the alternatives are vastly worse.” However, subcommittee chair, Joe Barton (R/TX), does not believe the measure goes far enough. He said, “We could do more, but this is an excellent first step.” The auto industry has said that significant increases in CAFÉ standards would result in safety concerns

and the loss of jobs in the auto industry. Critics believe the measure has not gone far enough to address the potential for increasing energy efficiency in the transportation sector.

FY 2002 Appropriations Bills – *Progress has been made on the following bills*

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies The \$15.669 billion bill, *H.R. 2330*, cleared the House on July 11 and includes the following provisions of interest:

- **Agriculture Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments** (\$187.657 million): \$130.266 million for Rental Payments, \$31.420 million for Building Operations, and \$25.943 million for Strategic Space Planning
- **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Buildings and Facilities** (\$7.189 million)
- **Agricultural Research Service Buildings and Facilities** (\$78.862 million)
- **Food and Drug Administration Buildings and Facilities** (\$34.281 million)

Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government The \$17 billion, unnumbered bill cleared the subcommittee on July 11 (a number will be assigned once the bill clears the full committee). Provisions of interest include:

- **General Services Administration** Provides \$326 million for construction including \$240 million for site acquisition, design and/or construction of 15 courthouses
- **Boarder Control** \$2.3 million for upgrades for the Air and Marine Interdiction Coordination Center

Commerce, Justice, Judiciary, and State The unnumbered bill is funded at \$38.5 billion. Since the bill is not in print, building and facilities details were not available.

Veterans' Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Provides \$84.15 billion in discretionary funding to support several agency activities. Provisions of interest include the following:

- **Veterans' Administration** Provides \$361 million for major and minor construction projects and land acquisition and \$300 million for the *Veterans Hospital Emergency Repair Act* (passed the House on March 27)
- **National Aeronautic and Space Administration** Provides \$35 million to initiate repairs to the Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space Center.

SENATE

Comments or Action Items

FY 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations The Senate approved *S. 1077*, this chamber's version of the *FY 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations* on July 10. Both the House bill (*H.R. 2216*) and the Senate amendment to the House bill include funding for the Department of Defense's California installations to cover increased utility costs and energy conservation programs (\$734 million

and \$47 million respectively) as well as funding for Navy and Marine Corps Family Housing (\$20.3). Major differences between the two bills include provisions dealing with nuclear energy and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The bill now goes to conference between the House and Senate to resolve differences; conference negotiations may begin this week.

Energy Legislation Action in the Senate to move energy-related legislation has involved the participation of Vice President Cheney, who last week met with key members of the “Centrist Coalition” to resolve differences in bills introduced by Frank Murkowski (R/AK) and Jeff Bingaman (D/NM), Ranking Member and Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The coalition includes both Democrats and Republicans.

FY 2002 Appropriations Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D/SD) said last week that he believes the Senate can address nine of the 13 annual appropriations bills before Congress adjourns for the August recess.

Interior and Related Agencies The Committee on Appropriations passed this bill on June 29; the Senate version was inserted as an amendment to *H.R. 2217*. Provisions of interest include the following:

- **Climate Change** – prohibits the implementation of the Kyoto Agreement but permits agencies to continue to conduct science and technology research associated with global climate change.
- **Department of Interior, Central Hazardous Materials Fund** - \$12.976 million for construction projects.
- **Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service** - \$55.526 million for construction projects that includes facilities along with bridges, dikes, and other infrastructure initiatives.
- **National Park Service** - \$480.701 million for maintenance, which includes \$10 million for deferred maintenance backlog in the repair and rehabilitation program in Facility Maintenance, \$2 million for park operations, \$2.031 million for facility and project management information systems, and \$2.656 million for facility condition assessments.
- **Department of Agriculture, Forest Service** - \$178.578 million for facilities maintenance and capital improvement (includes infrastructure projects)
- **Department of Energy, Energy Conservation** - \$870.805 million and includes the following programs of interest:
 - **Federal Energy Management Program – \$8.9 million for program activities, \$4.4 million for Program Direction**
 - **Building Technology, State and Community Sector** – includes \$2 million for Energy Star; \$12.478 million for Residential Buildings Integration; \$4.510 million for Commercial Buildings Integration; and \$38.547 million for Equipment, Materials, and Tools
 - **Power Technologies** - \$61.896 million for Distributed Generation Technologies Development

- **Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration** - \$75.499 million
- **Smithsonian Institution, Construction** - \$25 million
- **National Gallery of Art** - \$14.220 for the repair, restoration, and renovation of buildings
- **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** - \$19 million for major construction and renovation projects

Energy and Water Development The Committee on Appropriations approved this bill on July 12. Consideration by the full Senate was scheduled to begin on July 16

Transportation and Related Agencies The full committee also approved this bill on July 12. Provisions of interest include the following:

- **U.S. Coast Guard** - \$88.86 million for shore facilities (and aids to navigation).

Energy Tax Incentives The Committee on Finance has held a series of hearings on tax incentives for alternative fuel and renewable energy tax incentives; another hearing may be scheduled in August to address energy issues affecting Western and rural states. Witness testimony included remarks by the Director of the Renewable Energy Policy Project in support of a renewable portfolio standard and tax incentives to increase the use of renewable energy.

Confirmation

On July 12, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Vicky Bailey as Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Domestic Policy.

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Status of FY 2002 Appropriations Bills

(In Billions)

HOUSE

SENATE

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2002 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>
Agriculture \$ 15.409	\$ 15.519 \$ 15.669	<i>H.R.</i> 2330	June 13	July 11		\$ 16.092		July 17 **		
Commerce \$ 37.944	\$ 38.541	<i>H.R.</i> 2500	July 10			\$38.760		July 19 **		
Defense \$300.962	\$300.292					\$298.568				
Energy and Water Development \$ 22.517	\$ 23.704 \$ 23.7	<i>H.R.</i> 2311	June 25	June 28		\$ 25.129 \$ 25.1	<i>S.</i> 1171	July 12	July 16	
Interior \$ 18,092	\$ 18.941 \$ 18.9	<i>H.R.</i> 2217	June 13	June 21		\$ 18.527 \$ 18.5	<i>H.R.</i> 2217	June 28	July 12	
Labor / HHS \$115.682	\$119.758					\$119.000				
Military Construction \$ 9.650	\$ 10.155					\$ 9.649				
Transportation \$ 14.891	\$ 14.893 \$ 14.9	<i>H.R.</i> 2299	June 20	June 26		\$ 15,579 \$ 59.96	<i>S.</i> 1178	July 12		
Treasury \$ 16.488	\$ 16.880 \$ 17,0					\$ 16.972				
VA/HUD \$ 83.683	\$ 84.159					\$ 84.053		July 19		
Total 302(b) Allocations/ FY 2002 Budget Request \$658.792	\$661.300					\$661.300				

** Scheduled activity.

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III. NEW LEGISLATION

HOUSE

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Key Provisions	Status
<i>H.R.</i> 2263	<i>No Short Title</i>	June 21	Benjamin Gilman (R/NY)	Ten percent of the vehicle fleet purchased by the Federal Government must be comprised of hybrid electric or high-efficiency vehicles; High efficiency vehicles must use a fuel other than gasoline or diesel.	Referred to Committee on Government Reform
<i>H.R.</i> 2270	<i>No Short Title</i>	June 21	Darrell E. Issa (R/CA)	Amends the <i>Clean Air Act</i> : Permits the exclusive application of California State regulations for reformulated gasoline; Permits California regulations to apply in lieu of Federal standards if they will achieve equivalent or greater emission reductions.	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
<i>H.R.</i> 2274	<i>Electricity Gouging Relief Act</i>	June 21	Anna Eshoo (D/NY) <i>Committee on Energy and Commerce</i>	Requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to order refunds of unjust or unreasonable rates for sales of electric energy by public utilities under FERC jurisdiction incurred in the Western U.S. between June 1, 2000 and the enactment of this Act.	Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce
<i>H.R.</i> 2303	<i>Ethanol and Biodiesel Promotion Act of 2001</i>	June 25	Ron Lewis (R/KY) <i>Committee on Ways and Means</i>	Amends <i>Internal Revenue Code 1986</i> : Provides incentives for the use and sale of ethanol and biodiesel fuels.	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<i>H.R.</i> 2307	<i>National Commission on Budget Concepts</i>	June 25	George Radanovich (R/CA) <i>Committee on Energy and Commerce;</i> <i>Committee on Resources</i>	Establishes the National Commission on Budget Concepts to review Federal budget concepts and, if necessary, make revisions to them.	Referred to Committee on the Budget

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H.R. 2309	No Short Title	June 26	Ken Calvert (R/CA) <i>Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power; Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment; Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus</i>	Amends <i>Small Business Act</i> : <i>Provides loans to cover energy costs of small businesses incurred between January 1, 2001 and August 30, 2002; Qualified small businesses are those located in a state in which the wholesale cost of energy has increased 150 percent or more during the period between January 1, 2000 and August 30, 2002; The maximum loan is five times the total energy costs incurred between May 1, 1999 and December 1, 2000; Loans must be paid back within ten years.</i>	Referred to the Committee on Small Business
H.R. 2322	Home and Farm Wind Energy Systems Act of 2001	June 26	J.C. Watts. Jr. (R/OK)	Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i> : Provides credits for individuals and businesses for the installation of wind energy property; Qualifying wind turbines are of 75 kilowatts of rated capacity or less; Provides credit equal to 30 percent of the amount paid by the taxpayer for qualified wind energy property during taxable year.	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H.R. 2324	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Act of 2001	June 26	Lynn Woolsey (D/CA)	Energy plan to promote research, development and demonstration to enhance energy efficiency and renewable energy so that, by 2020, twenty percent of the energy generated in the U.S. from stationary sources will be generated from non-hydropower renewable sources. Requires improvement of the average fuel efficiency of trucks by 2010; Requires reduction of the	Referred to the Committee on Science 7/5/01 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy

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				<p>cost of wind power by 50 percent by 2006;</p> <p>Requires development of technologies and housing designs so that energy use in 15,000,000 existing homes will be reduced by 30 percent by 2010;</p> <p>Requires 50 percent reduction of energy use and environmental impact of new homes by 2010;</p> <p>Requires reduction of cost of photovoltaics to \$3,000 per kilowatt by January 1, 2003 and \$1,500 per kilowatt by January 1, 2006;</p> <p>Requires solar thermal power to become more competitive by 2015 by combining high efficiency and high temperature receivers with advance thermal storage and power cycles;</p> <p>Requires enhanced turbine technologies for hydropower that will be less damaging to aquatic ecosystems;</p> <p>Requires development of distributed energy technologies to accommodate various energy sources under a common interconnection standard;</p> <p><i>Authorizes appropriations for state and local grants and the Federal Energy Management Program to carry out activities;</i></p> <p>Authorizes appropriations for Secretary of Energy to carry out research, development and demonstration activities on biomass-related technologies under the <i>Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000</i>;</p> <p>Requires assessment of renewable energy</p>	

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				resources for commercial applications in U.S.	
H.R. 2331	<i>Energy Market Monitoring Act</i>	June 27	Stephen Horn (R/CA)	Provides for oversight of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission activities by Comptroller General.	Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2358	<i>Bioenergy Act of 2001</i>	June 28	Roscoe Bartlett (R/MD)	Authorizes appropriations for environmental research and development, scientific and energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of energy technology programs, projects, and activities related to bioenergy.	Referred to the Committee on Science 7/3/01 Referred to Subcommittee on Energy.
H.R. 2369	<i>Hybrid Vehicle Incentive Act</i>	June 28	Darrell Issa (R/CA)	Amends title 23, <i>United States Code</i> , relating to hybrid vehicles: Allows vehicles with only one occupant to operate in high efficiency vehicle lanes if the vehicles are hybrid vehicles.	Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 2373	<i>Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2001</i>	June 28	Kevin Brady (R/TX) <i>Committee on Ways and Means</i>	Provides for the establishment of the Federal Sunset Commission to review the efficiency and need for Federal agencies and recommend which, if any, agencies should be abolished or reorganized.	Referred to the Committee on Government Reform
H.R. 2392	<i>Clean Energy Incentives Act</i>	June 28	Jay Inslee (D/WA) <i>Committee Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources; Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus</i>	Amends <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i> : To provide, expand, or extend tax incentives for renewable energy, alternative fuels and vehicles, energy efficiency and conservation and demand management and distributed energy generation. Includes tax incentives for the following: <i>Production of electricity from renewable energy resources including a five-year extension of qualified facilities for renewable</i>	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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				<i>resource credit;</i> Renewable resource credit for solar, biomass (other than closed loop), hydropower efficiency, incremental geothermal, geothermal, and landfill gas; Alternative motor vehicle credit for qualified fuel cell, hybrid, and alternative fueled motor vehicles; Fifty percent credit for the installation costs of retail and residential clean fuels refueling stations; Deduction for energy efficiency and conservation for qualified commercial and industrial property, homes, and appliances; Credit for distributed energy generation and demand management property used in business; Credit for distributed energy generation and demand management property used in residences, including 15 percent investment tax credits for solar water heating and photovoltaic systems, 20 percent credit for distributive wind generation (up to \$5,000), and twenty percent for qualified fuel cell property expenditures.	
<i>H.R. 2393</i>	<i>Energy Cost and Relief Act</i>	June 28	Steve Israel (D/NY)	Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986:</i> <i>Provides tax credit for individuals for energy conservation expenditures in residences, up to 50 percent of energy conservation costs during taxable year, not to exceed \$2,500.</i> Provides tax credit for individuals, up to 50 percent for the purchase of	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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				energy efficient appliances, not to exceed \$2,500 for any taxable year.	
H.R. 2399	<i>Federal Facilities Power Supply Act of 2001</i>	June 28	<i>Karen McCarthy (D/MO) Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power</i>	Requires the General Services Administration to identify all potential electrical capacity at Federal facilities available from existing installed backup generators.	Referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 2404	<i>California Water Quality and Reliability Act of 2001</i>	June 28	<i>George Miller (D/CA) Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power</i>	Authorizes Federal agency participation and financial assistance for infrastructure improvements in California to assist the state in the development of new or enhanced water supplies, water and energy conservation, and environmental restoration to protect ecosystems and enhance environmental quality.	Referred to Committee on Resources 7/10/01 Referred to Subcommittee on Water and Power; Executive comment requested from Interior.
H.R. 2407	<i>Federal Photovoltaic Utilization Act</i>	June 28	<i>James Oberstar (D/MN) Ranking Democratic Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure</i>	Amends <i>Public Buildings Act of 1959</i> : Directs the Administrator of the General Services Administration to provide for the procurement and installation of photovoltaic systems for use in new and existing public buildings.	Referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 2412	<i>Tribal Energy Self-Sufficiency Act</i>	June 28	<i>Nick Rahall (D/WV) Ranking Democratic Member, Committee on Resources; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure</i>	Establishes Indian energy programs on Indian lands, including the following: Authorizes the Western Power Administration (WAPA) to facilitate the development of wind power generation on Indian lands within WAPA's service area; Establishes a comprehensive Indian Energy Plan in which grants may be given for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and	Referred to the Committee on Resources 7/9/01 Executive Comment requested from Interior 6/28/01 Also referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Agriculture.

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				conservation programs; Provides that net metering service be made available for Indian tribes; Provides tax incentives for tribal energy projects that use solar, biomass (other than closed loop biomass), incremental hydropower, geothermal, and fuel cells; Directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Secretary of Interior to develop energy efficiency and conservation measures in Federally assisted housing.	
H.R. 2423	<i>Renewable Fuels for Energy Security Act of 2001</i>	June 28	John Thune (R/SD) <i>Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure</i>	Provides for U.S. energy security and environmental protection by enhancing the use of motor vehicles from renewable sources; Establishes renewable fuels program, which requires that motor fuels sold or introduced in the US starting in 2002 contain a quantity of renewable fuel.	Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce 7/6/01 Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
H.R. 2431	<i>No Short Title</i>	June 28	Wes Watkins (R/OK) <i>Committee on Ways and Means</i>	Amends Internal Revenue Code of 1986: Provides that certain amounts received by electric energy, gas, or steam utilities be excluded from gross income as contributions to capital.	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H.R. 2436	<i>Energy Security Act</i>	July 10	James Hansen (R/UT) <i>Chair, Committee on Resources</i>	To provide for secure energy supplies including: Federal agency review of regulations to eliminate barriers to emerging energy technology such as fuel cells, combined heat and power, and distributed generation ; Royalty relief under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970.	Referred to Committee on Resources, and in addition to Committee on Energy and Commerce for considerations of provisions as fall within each jurisdiction. 7/11/01 Hearing held Committee on

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					Resources
H.R. 2438	<i>Department of Environmental Protection Act</i>	July 10	Sherwood Boehlert (R/NY) <i>Chair, Committee on Science Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure</i>	Elevates the Environmental Protection Agency to Cabinet-level status and designates it as the Department of Environmental Protection.	Referred to the Committee on Government Reform
H.R. 2460	<i>Comprehensive Energy Research and Technology Act of 2001</i>	July 11	Sherwood Boehlert (R/NY) <i>Chair, Committee on Science; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure</i>	<p>Authorizes appropriations for environmental R&D, scientific and energy research, development and demonstration, and commercial application of energy technology programs and activities in DOE and the Office of Air and Radiation of the EPA; Establishes <i>Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acceleration Act of 2001</i> to establish competitive alternative fuel grant pilot program for the acquisition of alternative fuel vehicles, to fund alternative fuel infrastructure, and for operation and maintenance of alternative fuel vehicles.</p> <p>Directs the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program for distributed energy resources.</p> <p><i>Authorizes appropriations for Building Technology, State and Community Sector and the Federal Energy Management Program.</i></p> <p>Provides for hydrogen research and development; Authorizes appropriations for <i>Bioenergy Act of 2001</i> to conduct environmental R&D, scientific energy research, development and demonstration, and commercial application of</p>	Referred to the Committee on Science

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Key Provisions	Status
				energy programs and activities related to bioenergy.	
<i>H.R. 2478</i>	<i>Comprehensive Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Act of 2001</i>	July 11	Lynn Woolsey (D/CA)	<p>Expansion of <i>H.R. 2324</i>, establishing that U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency research, demonstration, and commercial application programs be designed so that, by 2020, 20 percent of the energy generated in the U.S. from stationary sources be generated from non-hydropower renewable energy;</p> <p>Includes regulatory provisions for a public benefits trust fund, net metering, renewable energy portfolio standard beginning at 3 percent in 2002 and increasing to 20 percent by 2020, high performance schools, increased average vehicle fuel economy standards, authorization of appropriations for Energy Star program, Fuel Efficient Tire program and disclosure to consumers of sources of energy used to generate electricity. Includes provisions for energy savings measures at the U.S. Capitol and energy savings performance contracts;</p> <p><i>Includes Federal purchase requirement to ensure that, between FY 2002 and 2004, not less than 3 percent of Federal electric power purchases be generated from renewable resources. Percentage increases incrementally to not less than 20 percent by FY 2020;</i></p> <p><i>Includes provisions for</i></p>	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, Committee on Science, and Committee on Energy and Commerce

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Key Provisions	Status
				<i>Federal building energy efficiency standards and requires Federal use of Energy Star standards;</i> Amends <i>Tax Code of 1986</i> : Provides credit for energy efficient property used in business; Provides credit for construction of new energy efficient homes, energy efficiency to existing homes, for residential solar, wind and fuel cell energy property, and for the purchase of Energy Star products. Provides incentives to electricity facilities for distributed generation and modifications to credit for electricity produced from renewable and waste products. Provides incentives for hybrid electric vehicles and installation of alternative fueling stations.	
<i>H.R. 2496</i>	<i>No Short Title</i>	July 12	Mark Udall (D/CO) <i>Committee on Resources;</i> <i>Committee on Science</i>	Directs the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement a strategy for research, development and demonstration, and commercial application of distributed power (reciprocating engines, turbines, microturbines, fuel cells, solar electric systems, wind energy systems, biomass power systems, geothermal power systems or electrical components of cogeneration systems) hybrid systems.	Referred to Committee on Science

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<i>S. 1136</i>	<i>Transit in Parks Act (TRIP Act)</i>	June 28	<i>Paul Sarbanes (D/MD)</i>	Provides for the planning and establishment of mass transportation systems in certain Federally owned and managed areas open to the general public; The Secretary of Transportation will coordinate with the Secretary of Interior to oversee and implement the program.	Referred to Senate Energy and Natural Resources
<i>S. 1166</i>	<i>Next Generation Lighting Initiative Act</i>	July 11	<i>Jeff Bingaman (D/NM) Chair, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</i>	Establishes Next Generation of Lighting Initiative within DOE to research, develop and conduct demonstration activities on white light emitting diodes.	Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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IV. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

Executive Branch Nominations of Interest

- **Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment** – Mario Fiori. Founder and current President of Compass Associates, a consulting firm specializing in safety performance at industrial facilities. (Intent to nominate announced on July 11.)

Presidential Memorandum

On July 11, President Bush issued a memorandum for “Implementing Government Reform” to the heads of all executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. The purpose of the directive is to ensure an “active, but limited Government: one that empowers States, cities, and citizens to make decisions; ensures results through accountability; and promotes innovation through competition.” To accomplish this, the memorandum requires the following:

- **Directs each department or agency head to designate a Chief Operating Officer (equivalent of the Deputy Secretary)** to implement the President’s and agency goals; improve agency performance; promote government reform, develop strategic plans and measure results; and oversee agency-specific efforts to integrate performance and budgeting, expand competitive sourcing, strengthen workforce, improve financial management, advance e-government, apply information policy and technology policies, and other government-wide management reforms.

- **Implement additional agency reforms** to promote the principles of government reform.
- **Establish President's Management Council** to advise and assist the President to ensure that government reform is implemented throughout the executive branch. Membership on the council will include the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Chief Operating Officers of all the Cabinet-level departments, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Social Security Administration, and the National Science Foundation as well as the Administrator of the General Services Administration and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. Membership will also include staff from the Offices of the President, the Vice President, and other Federal agencies not specified. The Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget will serve as the council chairman.

The council will focus on improving overall management of the executive branch; implementing the President's Management Agenda; coordinating executive branch management-related activities; ensuring adoption of new management practices; and identifying examples of, and providing mechanisms for interagency exchange of information about best management practices. The council will seek advice and information from Federal, state, and local governmental entities as well as private sector organizations including nonprofit organizations, public sector unions, and customers of Federal services.

The memorandum revokes the memorandum of October 1, 1993, *entitled Implementing Management Reform in the Executive Branch*.

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V. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>July 16</i> – Full Committee (NEW)	Bill Young (R/FL)	Hearing – Department of Defense	Secretary Rumsfeld	11:00 a.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building
<i>July 16</i> – Full Committee (NEW)	Bill Young (R/FL)	Hearing – Air Force	Air Force Secretary Roche and Chief of Staff General Ryan	2:20 p.m. Room 2362-A Rayburn Office Building
<i>July 17</i> – Full Committee (NEW)	Bill Young (R/FL)	Mark Up – FY 2002 Appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency	N/A	10:00 a.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
July 17 – Committee on Energy and Commerce (NEW)	Billy Tauzin (R/LA)	Mark Up – H.R. Energy Advancement and Conservation Act of 2001	N/A	11:00 a.m. Room 2123 Rayburn Office Building
July 17 – Committee on Science (NEW)	Sherwood Boehlert (R/NY)	Mark Up – H.R. 2460 (Energy legislation)	N/A	1:00 p.m. Room 2318 Rayburn Office Building
July 17 – Committee on Resources (NEW)	James Hansen (R/UT)	Mark Up – H.R. 2436 Energy Security Act	N/A	2:00 p.m. Room 1324 Longworth Office Building
July 18 – Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (NEW)	Don Young (R/AK)	Mark Up – Miscellaneous Public Building Resolutions	N/A	11:00 a.m. Room 2167 Rayburn Office Building
July 19 – Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management (Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure) (NEW)	Steven LaTourette (R/OH)	Hearing – Delays associated with making an award for the Department of Transportation’s Headquarters building	(Invited) Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mitchell Daniels, Secretary of Transportation Norman Minetta, Administrator of General Services Administration Stephen Perry	10:00 a.m. Room 2253 Rayburn Office Building
July 19 – Committee on the Budget (NEW)	Jim Nussle (R/IA)	Hearing – Federal Budget Structural Reform	Three panels to include a number of current and former members of Congress, senior officials from the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office, the President of the Urban Institute, among others	10:00 a.m. Room 210 Cannon Office Building

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SENATE – APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>July 17</i> – Full Committee (NEW)	Robert Byrd (D/WV)	<i>Mark Up</i> – FY 2002 Appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies	N/A	2:00 p.m. Room S-128 Capitol Building
<i>July 19</i> – Full Committee (NEW)	Robert Byrd (D/WV)	<i>Mark Up</i> – FY 2002 Appropriations for Departments of Commerce, Justice, Judiciary, and Related Agencies and Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies	N/A	2:00 p.m. Room S-128 Capitol Building

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>July 17</i> – Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (NEW)	Jeff Bingaman (D/NM)	<i>Hearing</i> – Proposals related to reducing demand for petroleum products in light duty vehicles	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room 106 Dirksen Office Building
<i>July 18</i> – Committee on Governmental Affairs <i>July 18</i> (NEW)	Joseph Liberman (D/CT)	<i>Hearing</i> – S. 1008 Amendment to the Energy Policy Act to develop the U.S. Climate Change Response Strategy	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room 342 Dirksen Office Building
<i>July 18</i> - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (NEW)	Jeff Bingaman (D/NM)	<i>Hearing</i> – Proposals related to energy and scientific research, development, technology deployment, education, and training	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building
<i>July 19</i> - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (NEW)	Jeff Bingaman (D/NM)	<i>Hearing</i> – Proposals to removing barriers to distributed generation, renewable energy, and other advanced technologies	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
July 24 - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (NEW)	Jeff Bingaman (D/NM)	Hearing – Proposals related to global climate change and measures to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building

SENATE – CONFIRMATION

No confirmation hearings of interest have been scheduled.

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